

57. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning comprising the step of contacting a fabric with the cleaning composition according to claim 1, for fabric cleaning and/or fabric stain removal and/or fabric whiteness maintenance and/or fabric softening and/or fabric color appearance and/or fabric dye transfer inhibition.

58. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning comprising the step of contacting a hard surface with the cleaning composition according to claim 1.

59. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning comprising the step of contacting a dishware with the cleaning composition according to claim 1.

60. (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning teeth and/or mouth comprising the step of administering the cleaning composition according to claim 1.

61. (Currently Amended) A method of sanitization comprising the step of contacting a fabric, a hard surface or a dishware with the cleaning composition according to claim 1.

62. (Currently Amended) A method of sanitization of teeth and/or mouth comprising the step of administering the cleaning composition according to claim 1.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 27-62 are pending in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 1, 30, 46 and 56 to 62 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as their invention. The Applicants have cancelled claims 50 to 53, without prejudice. The Applicants reserve the right to reinstate the subject matter of said claims during the pendency of the present application. Support for the present amendments is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added and no additional claims fees are believed to be due. The Applicants strongly urge that the present Amendments, when considered in light of the below Remarks, have placed the present application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable and timely action is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC § 103(a) over Oxenboll in view of Van Pee

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 27-49 and 54-62 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over US Patent Number 5,834,280 to Oxenboll et al (hereinafter "Oxenboll") in view of WO Patent Number 96/06909 to Van Pee (hereinafter "Van Pee"). The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the "Amendments" section of the instant paper, in which the Applicants have amended claim 1 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. Further, the

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Applicants have cancelled claims 50 to 53 without prejudice, in favor of incorporation of the subject matter recited therein into amended claim 1. The Applicants reserve the right to reinstate the subject matter of claims 50 to 53 during the pendency of the present application. Support for the present amendments is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. In light of the present amendments, the Applicants submit and strongly urge that Oxenboll in view of Van Pee neither teach nor suggest a cleaning composition containing a surfactant system; an oxidoreductase with an α/β -hydrolyase fold and a catalytic triad consisting of the amino acid residues serine, histidine and aspartic acid; a hydrogen peroxide source; an organic acid; and an additional bleach system selected from the groups recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to Claims 1, 27-49 and 54-62 under 35 USC § 103(a).

Rejection under 35 USC § 103(a) over Oxenboll in view of Van Pee in view of Figueroa

The Examiner has rejected claims 50 to 53 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over Oxenboll in view of Van Pee in further view of US Patent Number 5,500,153 to Figueroa et al (hereinafter "Figueroa"). The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the "Amendments" section of the instant paper, in which the Applicants have amended claim 1 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Further, the Applicants have cancelled claims 50 to 53, without prejudice, in favor of incorporation of the subject matter included therein into amended claim 1. The Applicants reserve the right to reinstate the subject matter claims 50 to 53 during the pendency of the present application. Support for the present amendments is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added and no additional claims fees are believed to be due. In light of the present amendments, the Applicants submit and strongly urge that the attempted combination of references fail to teach or suggest a cleaning composition containing a surfactant system; an oxidoreductase with an α/β -hydrolyase fold and a catalytic triad consisting of the amino acid residues serine, histidine and aspartic acid; a hydrogen peroxide source; an organic acid; and an additional bleach system selected from the group recited in amended claim 1. Indeed, the Examiner does not refute this point in providing his rationale for this rejection. See Paper Number 20; page 4. The Examiner acknowledges that the disclosure of Figueroa is limited to a composition comprising bleaching agents catalyzed by means of a manganese compound. See Paper Number 20; page 4. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection to Claims 50 to 53 under 35 USC § 103(a).


CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the amendments provided herewith, reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the Remarks provided, withdrawal of the claims rejections, and allowance of claims 1, 27 to 49 and 54 to 62, as amended, are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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